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CIA INVOLVEMENT IN ALGERIA

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(TEXT) LONDON--SUMMING UP THE RESULTS OF RECENT EVENTS IN ALGERIA, THE WEEKLY TRIBUNE AGAINST STRESSES THAT THE REBELS WERE DIRECTLY ENCOURAGED BY THE U.S. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY AND THE KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION. "STORIES ABOUT CIA PERSONNEL BEING IN TOUCH WITH THE REBEL GENERALS IN ALGIERS SEEMED TOO FANTASTIC TO BELIEVE WHEN THE HEADLINES FIRST BROKE THIS WEEKEND," THE ARTICLE SAYS. "HOWEVER SLOWLY BUT SURELY THE TRUTH IS BEGINNING TO EMERGE. IT (SERVERAL WORDS ENDISTINCT) MAKES SPY TALES FOR BOYS PALE INTO INSIGNIFICANCE.

"POINT 1--IT IS INDEED TRUE THAT GENERAL CHALLE WAS TOLD BY CIA THAT A REBELLION IN ALGERIA WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS. BY SOME INCREDIBLE LOGIC, CIA BELIEVED THAT IT MIGHT BE BENEFICIAL TO NATO SINCE DE GAULLE HAS BEEN GOING COOL ON THAT ORGANIZATION AND CHALLE HAD ONCE BEEN DEPUTY HEAD OF NATO'S EUROPEAN SECTION.

"POINT 2--PRESIDENT KENNEDY KNEW THE BROAD OUTLINES OF THE CIA PLAN.

"POINT 3--GENERAL CHALLE HAS SPILLED THE BEANS TO THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT, AND RELATIONS BETWEEN FRANCE AND AMERICA HAVE SUNK TO AN ALL-TIME LOW.

"POINT 4--IT WAS NOT A LOW-LEVEL CIA DECISION. INDEED, KIRKPATRICK, DEPUTY ONLY TO ALLEN DULLES, VISITED PARIS TO KEEP INFORMED OF EVENTS AND THEN FLEW OFF TO CASABLANCA ON 16 APRIL TO SEE THE FIREWORKS FROM CLOSE AT HAND.

"HOWEVER THE REVOLT BROKE OUT TWO DAYS BEFORE IT WAS PLANNED AND FIZZELED INTO A GIANT FLOP. BUT NOT BEFORE GENERAL CHALLE HAD SENT A MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT KENNEDY ASKING FOR BOTH MILITARY AND FINANCIAL HELP WHICH CIA AGENTS HAD INSISTED WOULD BE SENT.